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(President of the General Assembly)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.30 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS (continued)

REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM SUBMITTED BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION (A/48/246*)

1. Mr. LOZINSKIY (Russian Federation) introduced the request by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, in his capacity as Chairman of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, for the inclusion in the agenda of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly of an additional item entitled "Observer status for the Commonwealth of Independent States in the General Assembly". An explanatory memorandum was annexed to the request (A/48/246*). He hoped that the members of the General Committee would accede to the request.

2. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

3. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM SUBMITTED BY MADAGASCAR (A/48/247)

4. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Rakotondramboa (Madagascar) took a place at the Committee table.

5. Mr. RAKOTONDRAMBOA (Madagascar) said that he wished to confirm the request of his Government for the inclusion in the agenda of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly of an additional item entitled "Emergency assistance to Madagascar". The explanatory memorandum (A/48/247, annex) provided a detailed account of the damage caused by the tropical cyclones and floods that had recently struck Madagascar. He requested that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting on a priority basis.

6. Mr. HADID (Algeria) and Mrs. VASISHT (India) supported the request of the representative of Madagascar for the inclusion of the new item in the agenda of the forty-eighth session, as well as its request that the item be considered directly in plenary meeting on a priority basis.

7. Mr. LEGAL (France) said that his delegation also supported the inclusion of the additional agenda item on emergency assistance to Madagascar. France had reacted promptly to the disaster by providing water purification equipment, shelter, electricity, telecommunications and other technical equipment which it had delivered by air and sea. In April, France would deliver food aid in order

(Mr. Legal, France)

to make up for the shortfall in the harvest. In the light of the impact of the disaster, such measures should be vigorously pursued.

8. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the additional item in the agenda.

9. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting on a priority basis.

The meeting rose at 10.45 a.m.